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# PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

#### BOX PATENT APPLICATION

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Sir:

The following Preliminary Amendments and Remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

#### **AMENDMENTS**

## IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Before line 1, insert '--This application is the national phase under 35 U.S.C. § 371 of PCT International Application No. PCT/JP99/05527 which has an International filing date of October 7, 1999, which designated the United States of America and was published in English.